

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Rhubarb

Currently Dutch forced crop which is sweet and delicate with a vibrant pink colour.

Veg Of The Week



Red Cabbage

Grown in Lincolnshire. Try braised with apple or sliced with carrot for an eye catching slaw.

Quality Update

Key: ● = Alert ● = Warning ● = Resolved / For Info

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
All codes	Tomatoes	Last of Dutch crop. Moroccan arriving soon.	Mixed maturity and colour within some batches. Reduced life.	Use quickly and avoid holding stock.
84871 75382	Spinach	Weather affecting quality of UK crop.	Delicate so prone to bruising and pale colour.	Moving to imported.
75085 75534	Iceberg Lettuce	Spanish crop.	Quality is good but may appear quite small in size.	Issue resolved.
49567 83854 14766	Avocado	Poor weather and civil unrest causing supply difficulties.	Origin and pear size will vary causing some inconsistencies.	Information only.
74898 75122	Watermelon	Vessel delays into UK causing a shortage of larger fruit.	Quality is good but some smaller sizes still in stock.	Information only.
All Codes	Fancy Lettuce, little gem & cos	Last of UK crop this week. Wet weather affecting quality.	Very wet, some pinking to outer leaves. Remove affected leaves.	Use quickly and avoid holding stock.
All Codes	Capsicum Peppers	End of Dutch season.	Sizes improving. Some colour flashing to skins.	Information only.
75687 75664 27331 75256	Soft Herbs	UK crop quality affected by wet weather. Moving over to imported.	Reduced shelf-life Spotting or yellowing to odd leaves.	Use quickly and avoid holding stock.

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Additional Information

Northern European salad crops will all be moving over to Winter supply from the end of the month. Until then we will struggle with both availability quality of old crop and gaps in availability as we move to Mediterranean/North African origin.

UK: UK celery finishing this week. Some French cauliflower now being used to support UK crop due to problems harvesting flooded fields. French origin will be used over the coming winter as ongoing support to fill any gaps in UK supply. Please note the French product is traditionally supplied in wooden crates. Due to reduced yield for UK cooking apples this year; imported Granny Smiths may also be needed to support UK Bramley supply.

Seasonal: Now looking forward to Christmas. Peeled Chestnuts 05999 in stock with Loose Brussels Sprouts to follow later next month. Redcurrants 75176 and Red Kale 57324 and Loose Chestnuts 76912 also available to pre-order.